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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 11:43 AM
To: catherine thornton
Cc: Duke, Daphne
Subject: RE: Docket 2005-385-E Order No. 2006-680

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Docketing Department for handling.
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Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

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From: catherine thornton [mailto:kategt1946@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 11:25 AM
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I urge the commission to require electric companies to offer net metering to residential customers. My husband and I will start construction on a new home in Mauldin in Feb. We had every intention of putting solar panels on the roof and using net metering to cut out consumption of power from the grid. We were very disappointed to learn that duke power does not allow this.

From my research I have found that 35 states do offer net metering. I realize that specifications and inspections would be necessary to protect the grid. It seems to me that in the long run it would be good for the utility companies because the home would feed energy into the grid at times of peak demand, thus reducing the need to add capacity to the Utility company's power plants.

We realize that it would take a long time to recover the homeowner's investment, but energy can only get more expensive. We are more concerned with the environment than with saving energy dollars. We had hoped that by adding solar energy to a fine home with traditional architecture we could demonstrate that the result could be esthetically pleasing.

I know that Duke Power has had some test homes in North Carolina, so they should have model regulations ready to go.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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